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National Knowledge Network
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the status of the National Knowledge Network (NKN) to interconnect all knowledge institutions through high speed data communication network in the country,

(b) whether the Government has made any implementation strategy and targets for the said programme; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) to (c): As on 30th June 2017 a total of 1635 links of National Knowledge Network (NKN) to institutions have been commissioned and made operational. This includes 386 links to institutions under National Mission for Electronics & Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), which have been migrated to NKN. NKN connectivity has also been extended to 496 NIC district centers.

In March 2010 Government of India approved the establishment of the National Knowledge Network (NKN) at an outlay of Rs.5990 Crores, to be implemented by NIC over a period of 10 years. A High Level Committee (HLC) was set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India, to coordinate and monitor the establishment of the NKN.

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